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GRAND FUNCTION IN WASHINGTON

President and Mrs. Taft Celebrate Silver Wedding.

FAIRYLAND AT THE WHITE HOUSE

First Couple in Nation Entertain Nobles of This and Other Lands and Are Congratulated by All the World.

Washington, June 20.—President and Mrs. Taft celebrated their silver wedding anniversary, and it will be many a day before the national capital forgets the function.

Every one, from the most exclusive social cave dweller to the newest member of congress, seems willing to admit that the reception was one of the most notable social affairs ever held in the White House.

With the weather perfect, the White House grounds transformed almost into fairyland, the 5,000 invited guests having the best kind of a time and four times that many interested and enthusiastic spectators standing twenty deep outside the iron fence that surrounds the executive mansion. President Taft, as he stood at the head of the receiving line with the first lady of the land did not seem to have a care in the world.

He was particularly happy as he said repeatedly in the course of the evening that Mrs. Taft, lately not in the best of health, seemed to have won strength for the occasion and was with him every moment of the time that the thousands of guests were filing by, exchanging hand grips and expressing the hope that they might be spared to be present away off in the future at the Tafts' golden wedding day.

Incidentally, it is not at all improbable that President Taft, considering the success of the reception, will issue a ukase increasing the salary of Professor Willis Moore, who makes the government weather. Every one who attended the reception agrees it would have been nothing short of calamity had the weather been less perfect.

To those entering the White House, either from the avenue side or the east carriage entrance, there was little beyond a searchlight playing on the fountain in front of the portico and a few clusters and lights on the lawn to indicate what awaited them on the spacious grounds in the rear.

Back there, though, the scene was beautiful beyond description. All around the outer edge of the acres of level, short-clipped grass within the White House and enclosure swung Chinese lanterns of fantastic designs, blocks upon blocks of them, barely six inches apart, swaying in the light breeze and casting their queer shapes and shadows on the lawn.

Within the great square of lanterns every tree, big and little, every evergreen, every shrub and bush wore a dress of colored light. From the top of ancient elms and oaks long streamers of incandescent lights in the national colors, lopped here and there from branch to branch, swung downward to the ground. In the pines and cedars, clusters of smaller bulbs, wound about the trunks glowed within the green. From the roof of the White House a squad of white clad jacks from the despatch boat Dolphin operated a big navy searchlight casting colored rays on the converging streams of the great fountain and basin in the center of the lawn. Just underneath the huge stream of white light cast from the Dolphin's big reflector, the red, white and blue of the national emblem shone out from thousands of colored incandescents arranged near the top of the back portico of the White House.

That is but a feeble picture of what the silver wedding guests saw when, after leaving their hats and wraps they emerged from the White House into the open.

The reception began at 9 o'clock, but long before that hour a goodly part of the company had arrived. Many of the guests literally had to fight their way from Pennsylvania avenue down to the entrance on Executive avenue, the throne of spectators having formed a jam extending from the iron fence around the grounds, across the sidewalk and street and overflowing on the steps of the treasury building. On the west, between the White House and the state, war and navy buildings it was the same. Apparently everybody had read of the president's silver wedding anniversary and of the elaborate plans that were being made to entertain the 5,000 guests and had come down town to see the sights.

The customary fanfare of trumpets announced the appearance of the president and Mrs. Taft. There was a great outburst of cheers and hand clapping as they stepped out on the south portico and, descending the winding stone steps, made their way across the lawn to the canopy where guests were received and where above the presidential couple blazed in incandescents the wedding and silver wedding dates, 1886-1911. After them came the members of the president's cabinet with their wives and members of their families. For two hours the president stood in line, shaking hands. Mrs. Taft stood up beside the president during the first three-quarters of an hour and

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then at his earnest solicitation, sat down beside him.

Throughout the formal part of the reception the marine band played on a special stand erected to the right of the illuminated fountain, and the engineers' band on the portico. Between the two of them—and the music was practically continuous—Major Archibald Butt, the president's aide, who introduced the swiftly passing thousands to the president and Mrs. Taft had a hard time making his voice heard.

The gowns of the women were among the most beautiful and elaborate ever seen at the White House. Mrs. Taft wore a heavy brocaded satin, the ground of white and the brocade in silver flowers. The dress had a long graceful court train and was cut square at the neck. Mrs. Taft's ornaments were pearls and diamonds. Miss Taft was gowned in pink satin, veiled with pink chiffon.

President Taft had crowded a good deal of happiness into the day before the climax came in the big reception in the evening. The celebration began for him when he appeared at the breakfast table in the morning, surrounded by the big house party of kinsfolk—the Tafts, the Torreyes and the Herrons. The president was hardly up from his morning meal before Secretary Hilles began to shower on him messages of congratulation that had been pouring into his office from the kings and other rulers of the world.

One of the first visitors to be presented was Monsignor Falconio, the papal delegate to this country. He called under instructions of Pope Pius X, and conveyed the best wishes of his Holiness to the president and Mrs. Taft. After Mr. Falconio came Ambassador Bryce of Great Britain, who had been requested by King George and Queen Mary to convey their best wishes.

Among the many messages from the foreign rulers were words of congratulation from Kaiser Wilhelm, President Fallieres of France, the king of Italy, the king and queen of Denmark, the king of Spain, Czar of Russia, the emperor of Japan the sultan of Turkey, the king of Sweden, President Arosemena of Panama, Marquis Komura and Prince Katsura of Japan.

These messages, of course, pleased Aunt Della Torrey and others of the president's relatives immensely, but the president himself turned from them to write a two-page letter in his own hand to a Yale classmate who had sent his congratulations to the president with the heartfelt regret that he was unable to attend the silver wedding with the other members of the Yale '78 because he was bedridden.

All day long express wagons and drays rolled up at the White House doors with presents and more presents of silver for the president. Some of these the president himself opened, not the big packages, but the little odd ones. Early in the day he appeared before Mrs. Taft and Aunt Della with the queerest and daintiest old satin slipper in his huge hand. It was the slipper worn by his great-grandmother Forbush at her wedding in Colonial, Mass. It had been sent as the tribute of Harriet Waters Forbush, herself a great-granddaughter of Grandmother Forbush.

The official festivities of the day began with the call at the White House of forty members of the Cincinnati Commercial club, who arrived in Washington on a special train. Many of these men were among the oldest of the president's Cincinnati friends. They secured the president's company for luncheon and for the better part of the afternoon.

At Chevy Chase Country club they presented their fellow townsman with a rose silver bowl and President Greene of the club, made a speech of congratulation to the president.

As President Greene had attempted in his little talk to draw the president from the world of officialdom and present him to his townsmen as William Howard Taft of Cincinnati, so the president's address in reply was reminiscent of his former days in that city.

THE GRANGE

Conducted by J. W. DARROW, Chatham, N. Y., Editor of the New York State Grange Review

AN EFFECTIVE GRANGE.

The Hall is Open Every Evening For Social Intercourse.

Edward Van Alstyne, a prominent institute lecturer of New York, has this to say about an efficient grange that he visited at Balmville, Orange county, near Newburg:

A neat hall, costing about \$2,500, stands out in the open country a half mile from the end of the trolley line. It is located here because it is a central point between two hamlets and one strong grange could be maintained here rather than two weak ones at the hamlets on either side. This hall is open any night in the week for young or old who care to gather there for social, intellectual or agricultural intercourse. The people avail themselves of it. Not far away is a rural school, and near it is a half acre devoted to a school garden. This had its rise in Balmville grange. A committee was appointed to take the matter up with the school trustees. Francis B. Kelley, a gardener and florist of many years experience, a native of Greenock, Scotland, where school gardens are conducted on a large scale, has had charge of the work. Some forty-six children, ranging in age from seven to fourteen years, are enrolled in the garden school. Even during the vacation months the attendance averages twenty. The garden is 250 feet long by 60 feet wider. There are sixteen plots, in which are grown a variety of vegetables, the children doing all the planting, weeding and whatever other work is necessary. Last year the state department of agriculture awarded sixteen certificates to the children for proficiency and one to Mr. Kelley as instructor.

The Work in Ohio.

State Master Laylin gives some interesting figures concerning work in his state. It says that Ohio is making steady, substantial growth, forty-three granges having been added during the year—twenty-eight new ones, eight reorganized, three Pomonas and four juveniles—and 4,799 new members were gained, this being the greatest annual gain in thirty-three years. A large number of Ohio granges own their halls. Quite a number were built last year. More grange fairs were held than in any previous year, and the demand for grange speakers for picnics was unprecedented. Many county fair organizations provided halls for grange exhibits and provided grange speakers as attractions. The secretary's report showed that the total receipts last year were \$12,377.57, itemized as follows: \$9,735.80 from membership dues and initiation fees, \$2,091.03 from sundry sources, \$438.74 from sale of supplies and \$112 from sixth degree fees. The expenditures totaled \$11,430.81, of which \$1,549.30 was paid to the national grange for membership dues, leaving a net surplus of \$946.76. The treasurer reported the total resources of the state grange as \$26,463.18, divided thus: Bonds, \$14,000; mortgage notes, \$6,500; cash, \$5,963.18. The superintendent of juvenile granges reported that Ohio now has fifteen of these granges, four having been organized the past year. The juvenile membership totals about 300, and the children are very loyal to their obligations and take intense pride in the ritualistic work.

Parcels Post.

An Ohio man wanted to send a package of four pounds a few miles by mail. It cost him 64 cents to do it. The package weighed exactly four pounds and one ounce. The postmaster made him undo it and take out three plants. The package contained strawberry plants. The gentleman says: "Right over the desk where we undid and repacked the plants hung a placard that proclaimed the rate to foreign countries to be 12 cents per pound up to eleven pounds. Had I wanted to send that four pound package to New Zealand it would have cost me 48 cents; to Toledo, O., it cost 64 cents. I wonder if our national lawmakers ever attempt to reconcile this inconsistency!"

Patrons' Fire Insurance Companies.

The question is often asked if a granger who is a member of a Patrons' fire insurance company should have a fire loss and he was not in good standing in the grange would the loss be paid? We believe it is the custom to include in the insurance policy a clause to the effect that any member of the Order in good standing may apply for such insurance. This is practiced in the Jefferson County Fire association, the largest in the world. It insists that the insured must keep in good membership in the grange during the term of his insurance, otherwise it will be declared void.

Grange News Notes.

Ulysses grange, at Jacksonville, N. Y., dedicated a new grange hall last month.

A resolution was defeated by the national grange to allow granges to confer the four degrees at one session.

The legislative committee of the national grange was right on the job during the Canadian reciprocity fight at Washington.

The Patrons' Fire Insurance Company of Rhode Island carries \$442,920 in risks. It has \$7,139.74 in its treasury and had only one small loss last year. The "moral hazard" in co-operative insurance reaches to minimum in the grange fire insurance business.

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Probate Order.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Shiawassee.

At a session of the Probate Court for said County, held at the Probate Office in the City of Corunna, on Tuesday the 23rd day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

Present, Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Olan B. Hoag, deceased. On reading and filing the petition of Edyth Hoag as administratrix praying for a license to sell real estate.

It is ordered that the 15th day of June next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be assigned for hearing said petition. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Owosso Times a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Shiawassee.

MATTHEW BUSH, Judge of Probate.
By FLORENCE LINDSEY, Probate Register.

Commissioners' Notice.

In the matter of the estate of Caroline Moore, deceased.

We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate in and for the County of Shiawassee, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said estate do hereby give notice that we will meet at the Citizens Savings Bank in the City of Owosso, in said County, Monday the 14th day of August, A. D. 1911, and on Monday, the 15th day of October, A. D. 1911, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting all claims against said estate, and that four months from the 15th day of June, A. D. 1911, are allowed to creditors to present their claims to said Commissioners for adjustment and allowance.

Dated the 10th day of June, A. D. 1911.
DEANE C. COOPER, GILBERT L. TAYLOR, Commissioners.

Order of Publication.

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Shiawassee.

At a session of the Probate Court for said County, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Corunna, on Saturday the 10th day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

Present, Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of William Spencer, deceased. On filing the petition of Nell R. Walsh as administratrix praying for a license to sell real estate.

It is ordered that the 11th day of July next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be assigned for hearing said petition. And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Owosso Times, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Shiawassee.

MATTHEW BUSH, Judge of Probate.
By FLORENCE LINDSEY, Probate Register.